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Advisory Announcement

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Trip Limit Increased in the Afognak, Southeast, and Westside Districts of the Kodiak Area for Directed Commercial Black Rockfish Fishing

Emergency Order 4-GF-17-21

Effective 12:01 a.m. August 15, 2021, the 5-day possession limit for black rockfish will increase from 5,000 pounds to 7,000 pounds (round weight) during the directed commercial black rockfish fishery in the Afognak, Southeast, and Westside Districts of the Kodiak Area.

Vessel operators are reminded that mechanical jig and hand troll gear are the only legal gear types for the directed fishery. A black rockfish district registration is required prior to fishing and completed logbooks must be submitted to ADF&G after each trip. A vessel may not participate in a parallel or state-waters Pacific cod fishery while registered for the Kodiak Area black rockfish fishery.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/

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